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Applicant(s): Nougaret et al.  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PRODUCING A COORDINATED  
GROUP ANIMATION BY MEANS OF  
OPTIMUM STATE FEEDBACK, AND  
ENTERTAINMENT APPARATUS  
USING THE SAME  
Group Art Unit: 2671  
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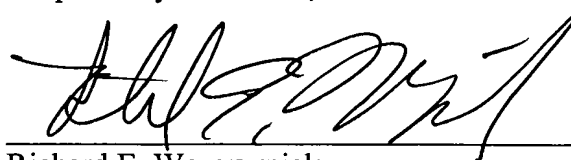
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It is requested that the information provided herein be made of record in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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